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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1-236504, which was published on September 21, 1989, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,160,192 to SUGAWARA, which issued on November 3, 1992;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1-239540, which was published on September 25, 1989, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1-239541, which was published on September 25, 1989, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 3-220537, which was published on September 27, 1991, together with an English language translation of the same; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,598,986 to YANO, which issued on July 29, 2003.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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	5 1 6 0 1 9 2	11/03/92	SUGAWARA			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

1	English Language Translation of JP Appln. No. 1-236504.
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